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**MESSAGE:**

**Examiner Nguyen:**

Attached please find a Response to Non-Compliant Amendment for filing in the above-referenced.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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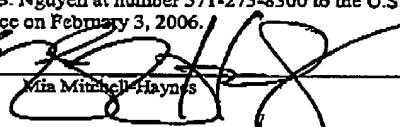
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 23, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.